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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Y. ABE  
Serial No: 10/688,992  
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Title: FABRICATION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT  
DEVICE  
Group: 2813  
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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January 17, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.